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Does the Potomac Purify Itself?

There is ample scientific opinion on record to contravene the statements made by Dr. Kober in his report to the health officer about typhoid fever in the District which cast reflections on the purity of Potomac river water. Dr. Kober strenuously opposes the proposition that sewage as it flows will purify itself, but his opinion is antagonized by certain eminent authorities, one of whom in a recent address before the Boston Society of Civil Engineers declared: "When a small quantity of sewage is discharged into a large volume of pure or comparatively pure water, the polluting matters of the sewage are oxidized and destroyed by the oxygen of the water which is ordinarily contained in solution in the water into which the sewage is discharged." The Star had occasion only recently to cite this statement in opposition to a slur that was cast on the Potomac river water by a Buffalo technical journal and it then pointed out the fact that a flow of forty-five miles from the nearest community upstream was probably amply sufficient for the complete oxidation of such a small quantity of sewage as is permitted to flow into it from the comparatively small number of inhabitants dwelling on the Potomac above the capital. Doubtless a filtering bed would in addition to the natural excellence of the Potomac river water and the already existing means of sedimentation afford a complete guarantee against pollution of the water supply, but in view of the large cost of such an installation and of the probably long delay before it could be completed and constructed it is a mistake to shake the confidence of the public in the river water by insisting upon filtration as an immediate and urgent necessity. Were the people of the District in a position financially to enter upon such a great improvement regardless of the pressure of necessity it would doubtless be an excellent investment for the future when the increase of population in the river region may threaten seriously the health of the city. For the present the public should use with reasonable confidence the Potomac water, keeping all the time a careful watch upon the conditions along its banks above the city, in order to guard against possible pollution.

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"Never."

"And you told him he ought to have his picture done in oil, and he didn't leave the order."

"That's so."

"And when Mr. Skimmer, who has prospered as a dairyman, called at your studio, you rushed for five dollars to Charlybids and advised him to be done up in water-colors. You're a good painter, my boy, but what you need is discretion."

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President takes the high ground of absolute neutrality, and intimates that nothing can swerve the government from this attitude. Other items of the foreign relations are of passing interest. The Waller case seems to have been treated by the government with no special vigor. There is a lack, too, of decisiveness in the recommendations that retaliatory measures might be inaugurated against Germany for trade discrimination from which American products have suffered. It is not surprising that the President urges a settlement of the Berlin Sea claims by arbitration, and it is gratifying to note that he has taken the Alaskan boundary into serious consideration by recommending the appointment of a joint commission. There is nothing new or important in the chapter devoted to the Armenian situation. The discussion of our foreign relations is disappointing in tone except as to the Venezuelan affair.

The financial discussion contained in the report is full and elaborate. It shows that the President and Secretary Carlisle have consulted and are in perfect accord, and the whole situation is summed up in the President's words, as follows: "I am convinced the only thorough and practicable remedy for our troubles is found in the retirement and acceleration of our United States notes, commonly called greenbacks, and the outstanding Treasury notes issued by the government in payment of silver purchases under the act of 1890." The President's remarks on the subject of finance are interesting, and it is not surprising that he rejects the proposition that the pressure on the treasury might be relieved by the provision of additional revenue. With characteristic phrases the President once more places himself flatly on record against the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, and his utterances on this subject form one of the strongest features of the message.

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Holiday 'Kerchiefs—

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PERRY'S.

There isn't a thing in the whole catalogue of gifts as popular as Handkerchiefs—to both giver and given. Neither is there an assortment more popular than ours.

You haven't seen it yet. But you must—and please be early about it. You know what dissatisfaction procrastination breeds.

Now the stock is orderly. Every Handkerchief is slick and smooth and an honest quality. But the tempting goodness draws such crowds—we cannot hope to keep the line straight and complete long.

Things are called by their right names here—Linen is linen—silk is silk. You will be sure that you are getting just what you are paying for.

Let us put up some boxes of half dozens for you. The box part is a gift of ours with each dollar's worth. You couldn't dispatch a bearer of your compliments that would be more welcome received than Handkerchiefs—or Mufflers—and especially our Handkerchiefs and our Mufflers.

Keep in mind—"regular prices" here—no holiday inflations.

Silk Handkerchiefs.

LADIES' EMBROIDERED SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, in colors—worth 12c—50c.

LADIES' SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, in solid colors—Pink, Light Blue, Lavender, Nile Green, Yellow and White—with lace edge—12c—50c.

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LADIES' WHITE EMBROIDERED SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, with cotton edge—12c—50c.

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LADIES' SILK INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS—18c and 37c.

MEN'S JAPANESE SILK INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS that were 50c—NOW—30c.

MEN'S JAPANESE SILK INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS that were 75c—NOW—50c.

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MEN'S JAPANESE SILK INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS—30c to \$1.

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CREAM, RED, NAVY BLUE and YELLOW SILK MUFFLERS—50c.

FANCY COLORED SILK MUFFLERS—12c and \$1.50.

PLAIN SILK MUFFLERS—the latest fad—17c and \$2.

BLACK BROCADE SILK MUFFLERS—\$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

BLACK STRAIP SILK HEMSTITCHED MUFFLERS, with 2-inch hem—\$1.50.

WHITE BROCADE SILK HEMSTITCHED MUFFLERS—\$1.50 and \$2.

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SILK MUFFLERS—Cream, Red, Navy Blue and Yellow—50c.

BLACK and NAVY BLUE SILK MUFFLERS with colored borders and stripes—\$1.25.

MEN'S RED JAPANESE SILK HEMSTITCHED MUFFLERS—\$1.

NAVY BLUE SILK MUFFLERS, with White polka dots—50c, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

WHITE and CREAM BROCADE SILK MUFFLERS—\$2 to \$2.50.

LIBERTY SQUARE CHEVRE DE CHINE MUFFLERS—Pink, Light Blue, Navy Lavender, Yellow and Black—44x14 inches—\$2.50.

Linen Handkerchiefs.

LADIES' PURE LINEN HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS all widths of hem—12c to 87c.

LADIES' PURE LINEN INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS—the alphabet complete—12c to 50c.

LADIES' COLORED EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS—12c to 50c.

LADIES' EMBROIDERED NOTCHED HANDKERCHIEFS—12c to 50c.

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LADIES' PURE LINEN EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS—25c.

LADIES' UNLAUNDERED HAND-EMBROIDERED PURE LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS—12c and 25c.

LADIES' WHITE HAND-EMBROIDERED PURE LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS—all new designs and great variety—50c to \$5.

LADIES' REAL DUCHESSE LACE HANDKERCHIEFS—75c to \$25.

MEN'S PRINTED BORDER HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS—fast colors—50c to \$5.

MEN'S PURE LINEN HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS—1/2 and 1-inch hem—"soft bleach"—12c.

MEN'S PURE LINEN COLORED BORDER HANDKERCHIEFS—12c to 50c.

MEN'S HEMSTITCHED LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS—all widths of hem—medium size—25c to 75c. Extra size—37c and 50c.

MEN'S LINEN INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS—25c to 50c.

MEN'S HEMSTITCHED LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS—with tape borders—12c, 25c and 37c.

CHILDREN'S COLORED BORDERED HANDKERCHIEFS—fast colors—50c.

CHILDREN'S PLAIN WHITE HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS—PURE LINEN—12c.

CHILDREN'S WHITE EMBROIDERED PURE LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS—12c and 25c.

In Gift-boxes.

SIX LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS IN FANCY BOX—odd shapes, in satin and plush—\$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3—"box and all."

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CHILDREN'S FANCY BOXES—15c, 25c and 35c.

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The best bargains here are in most cases secured by those who daily read our announcement. Just now it is a guide that takes you to the bargain spots among a \$500,000 stock of Holiday Goods.

Below are mentioned a few bargains. Those that are limited in quantity and cannot be duplicated.

Handkerchief Bargains.

35c for Men's 50c Handkerchiefs.

Our "clay" picked up 100 dozen of these Handkerchiefs. They were full size, Superior Jacone 81K, with artistically embroidered initial in corner. We'll ask you only \$1 for three, and pack them in suitable box for presentation.

12c for Ladies' 25c Handkerchiefs.

Warrented Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, with neat initial in corner, six in box for 75 cents.

Initials here, but in box for the most wanted.

35c for Ladies' 50c Handkerchiefs.

They are not all linen, but are so nice and delicately embroidered that they look like the finest and best of linen. Three in box for \$1.

50c for Ladies' 75c Handkerchiefs.

Shirley style, but worthy one dozen of each. Warrented pure linen, some hand embroidered and hemstitched, others scalloped and embroidered, others with lace edge.

Book Dept. Bargains.

48c for Tuck's \$1 Calendars.

Tuck's 1896 Calendars, consisting in part of six beautifully colored plates depicting Shakespeare's plays, floral effects and quaint scenes to please children.

19c for 50c Stationery.

Hunt's Best Writing Paper and Envelopes, with Hunt's name the box—a guarantee of excellence. Some worth only 25 cents, others worth 35 cents; those worth 50 cents will, of course, be first to go.

Cloth-bound Books in Sets.

80c for Cooper's Leatherstocking and Sea Tales, in five volumes.

80c for five volumes Macaulay's History of England—the best cloth-bound set of the kind.

80c for A. Conn Doyle's famous works in five volumes.

80c for Cordell's masterpieces in five volumes.

80c for George Eliot's, six volumes.

80c for Robert L. Stevenson's, six volumes.

80c for Teacher's Oxford Bible in divinity elegant binding.

80c for name on fifty cards, from engraved copper plate. Order now and profit by the superiority of unimpaired work.

Boas that are Bargains.

Those at \$5, \$7.50 and \$9.

A thousand and more are here, from \$2 to \$20, but a dozen or so at \$5, \$7.50 and \$9 are particularly glossy and jet black, with more and superior ostrich feathers than usual in Boas at \$5, \$10 and \$12.

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25c quality for 17c yard.

Warrented all-silk Ribbons in forty beautiful shades, three inches wide, worth 25c, yard. These will be sold at 20c to the 25c, \$1.50 and \$2 are the largest lot of Ribbons that has come to Washington in one shipment.

Jewelry Dept. Bargains.

98c for Pieces Worth Up to \$2.

Choice of warrented 10-karat Gold Scarf Pins, Shirt Sticks and Collar Buttons for men, Lace Pins and Forty kinds of Finger Rings for women and children. Some set with clear real diamonds. For boys are Rings set with emeralds and tiger-eyes. Every piece warrented solid gold.

Among the Silverware articles, warrented 925-1000 fine, are twenty styles of Silver Hooks, Spoon Holders, Nail Files, Cutlery Knives, Paper Knives, Ice Creamers, Dressing Combs, Full Size Pocket Knives, Coat Hangers, Toothbrushes, Sugar and Bon Bon Tins, Small Picture Frames, Letter Slides, Baby Bins and Combs and Rattles.

48c for Jewelry Worth \$1.

The maker's sample pieces, some not worth more than 50 cents, but many cheap at 75c, and a few not dear at \$1. All warrented 925-1000 fine pure silver. Link and Lever Cuff Buttons, Hat Pins, Hooked Combs, Nail Files, Glove Hooks, Pencils, Vell Pins, Chatelaine Pins, Bag Tags, Book Markers, The Clasp, Souvenir Spoons, Baby Pins and Button Sets, etc., etc.

Bargain Cups and Saucers.

"Gems" at 25c, 30c and 50c.

They were called "odds and ends" by the importer, they are the "odds" worth up to \$1. Find them tomorrow on first-floor bargain table, rear elevator.

Fans that are Bargains.

They are Real Ostrich Feather Fans.